

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species 1, illustrated in Fig(s). 4-10 and 12;

Species 2, illustrated in Fig(s). 4-9, 11 and 12; and

Species 3, illustrated in Fig(s). 9 and 13-19.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species 3, illustrated in Fig(s). 9 and 13-19, without traverse.

Claim(s) 1-3, 10-13, 29-33 and 38-50 are directed to the elected species. Furthermore, Applicants point out that at least claim(s) 1-3, 10-13, 38-40 and 44-50 are generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Penny L. Caudle, Registration No. 46,607 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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